

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 7-15 and 20-24 are allowed.

Claims 1-24 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling rejected claims 1-6 and 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result claims 7-15 and 20-24 are pending for examination. No new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 16-19 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Wieland in view of Vasankari. Claim 25 previously was canceled. By this amendment, claims 1-6 and 16-19 have been canceled.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-6 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as moot.

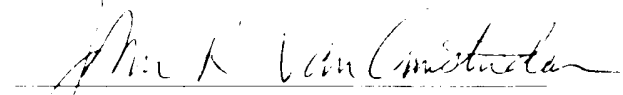
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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